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~ Dominic DeBolt cs

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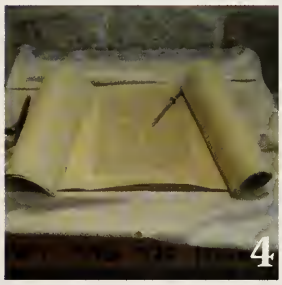

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Reflections on the Journey

Seven Reasons Why I Am Encouraged

by Dr. Duane Kilty, Chancellor

I can't believe I am in my second year serving as chancellor of Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW). In some ways I feel I have just arrived on campus, and in other ways it seems I have been here for years. One thing is certain, I have been at TUFW long enough to know the depth and breadth of its impact and potential.

A few nights ago, my wife, Joni, and I were reflecting on our first year at TUFW and our journey to serve as Chancellor. When God led us here, we had never been more certain about His clear and obvious leading. Now, 16 months later and aware of the challenges and opportunities before us, we are even more convinced God wants us in this place. Our commitment is firm.

I feel an incredible sense of urgency as we do God's work at TUFW. Our work is to establish a strong campus, connected closely with the community, that will continue its journey into the future with strength. Much needs to be accomplished and soon.

I am still convinced God will honor the Christian university campus that has the courage to stand up and be different – unique and willing to reshape programs and delivery modes in ways that most effectively enable students to be transformed and become agents of restoration.

This conviction does not in any way diminish the magnitude of the challenge before us. Over the next few years, we need to reduce and eventually eliminate the subsidy TUFW receives from Taylor University. Enrollment must increase and do so at a significant level. The results need to be seen for next fall's incoming class. This year we need to raise at least $975,000 for the TUFW Fund, which is a giant leap compared to last year's record-breaking total of $632,000.

As we sprint forward while standing firm on the heart and soul of this place, I constantly live the tension between confronting the most brutal facts of our current reality while having faith that we will prevail in the end. I believe – we believe – God still has His hands on this campus. ***We are stronger today than we have ever been but not nearly as strong as we will be.***

Let me be clear, ***I am encouraged.*** I am convinced TUFW is on the right path. In fact, there are seven reasons why I believe TUFW's future is bright.

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Reason #1: Vision. A vision for TUFW is in place. What is most encouraging is we believe it is God's vision and not ours. The vision is far greater than anything we can accomplish on our own. The only hope for accomplishing the various elements is for God to work in miraculous ways.

The simple version of the vision is TUFW commits to providing a Christ-centered learning experience, fostering the transformation of students and the restoration of communities through Applied Learning, Spiritual Formation and Community Leadership Development. Each of these three distinctives has been clarified and guides everything we do.

As part of the vision, we anticipate stellar programs, multiple delivery modes, strong enrollment growth, increased fundraising, a campus facilities master plan to guide the physical development of the campus, and institutes of excellence that make a significant contribution to the churches of Fort Wayne and the academic enterprise of TUFW.

It is very gratifying to me personally that the new vision is in harmony with the rich heritage this campus enjoys. Having God's compelling vision guiding us encourages me!

Reason #2: Curriculum. Our new academic program planning model is working well. Our anticipated new programs – Certified Financial Planner and Healthcare Management, along with redesigned Pastoral and Youth Ministries, which have been designed by industry professionals – are on track to launch next fall. A Theological Studies minor is in place, and most students will only have to take one additional class to earn this minor since the general education core currently includes several Bible and Theology classes.

During this academic year, faculty are reviewing every course and program to ensure everything we do aligns with our three distinctives. Any course not passing the test will be adjusted accordingly. We want to be as intentional as possible in aligning the curriculum and distinctives. Few campuses in America are this deliberate. This encourages me!

Reason #3: New Faculty and Staff. Several new faculty and staff were hired over the spring and summer. Five of them, three new faculty and two new members of my senior team, moved to Fort Wayne from various parts of the United States – two from the West Coast, one from the East Coast, one from Kentucky and one from Oklahoma. These new faculty are of such caliber they could have gone anywhere they desired. But in each case, God's call to serve at TUFW was clear.

Maybe the most dramatic story, but one very illustrative of the quality of our new team, is that of Professor Marilyn Cain. Professor Cain is a Certified Public Accountant and has an MBA from Xavier University. She was a senior manager for Deloitte & Touche, the fourth largest public accounting firm in the world. Her job included a six-figure income. She had a career filled with amazing opportunities, including organizing and conducting international training sessions, meeting impressive levels of top management at world-renowned organizations, partaking in numerous projects and assignments across the U.S., and being able to work in multiple functions, which included auditing, content development of training materials, and conducting research. As impressive as all of this is, what was most important to her is that it was, "a job that allowed me to share my faith and testimony with so many individuals along the way." She and her friends called it the perfect job.

God, however, had other plans, and she is now a member of the TUFW faculty. This encourages me!

God is at work at TUFW, and I am encouraged.

Reason #4: Students. I could fill page after page with amazing stories detailing the journey of students to TUFW and the journey of alums after graduation. The first day of school, Joni and I had lunch in the Dining Commons. We had the pleasure of meeting freshman Althea Kalman, professional writing major, and hearing her story. She was gracious enough to write it down so you can hear her story, too.

> *"Originally, I planned to attend a liberal arts school at home in South Carolina, but I began to reconsider my college choice after attending the Summer Honors College program. It was a tough decision. I had been offered beyond full costs at home, but I was convinced that God was calling me to TUFW. The Honors College experience was amazing, and I recommend it to anyone who is even considering attending TUFW. As far as finances went, God provided through academic scholarships.*

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Global Fieldtrips

A student's quest to learn biblical contexts takes him outside the classroom and around the world.

by Sean M. Cogan

Angelo Mante '08 had never been on a plane until the summer before his freshman year at Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW). That summer, Angelo traveled to Montana for a week-long mission trip on a Native American reservation.

Growing up in Fort Wayne, Angelo drove past the TUFW campus many times but never considered attending college until he met TUFW alumnus Arthur Wilson '03 on the mission trip to Montana. A 20-minute conversation with Arthur was all it took to start Angelo on his academic journey at TUFW. Just two weeks later, Angelo enrolled as a student.

Since that time, Angelo's academic journey has taken him around the world and back, and then around again. Angelo has traveled to Jamaica, Greece, Italy, and back to Montana; has honeymooned in Tennessee; and has continued globe trotting in Israel and England.

Angelo's journey to Jamaica came the October of his freshman year. He took part in a relief program to aid survivors of Hurricane Ivan.

"It was hard for me to find my place there," Angelo said. "There was a lot of construction. Our team built a house, but that's not my thing. Hammering nails is the extent of my construction expertise. So, I spent a lot of the time just hanging out with the kids there."

Angelo traveled more during January interterm. He enrolled in a class through Taylor University called "Footsteps of Paul's Journey," which took Angelo to Greece and Italy. This was Angelo's first time traveling for an academic trip rather than a mission trip. Angelo spent days touring the locations of the apostle Paul's ministry and evenings enjoying the locale.

One night, Angelo took a lone walk across the Areopagus, or Mar's Hill, where Paul confronted the scholars of Athens and used their idol to an unknown god as a basis to introduce them to the one, true God. Angelo felt humbled as he prayed at this spot, remembering the confrontation between Paul and the intelligentsia.

"It meant a lot to me being in the world of academia myself," Angelo said. "I'd like to be able to interact with the intellectuals and provide apologetic arguments the way Paul did."

After touring Greece, Angelo's class followed Paul's footsteps through Rome.

"It was very personal for me, since I'm Italian," Angelo said. "I don't know if it's this way in other countries too, but when I told the locals I was Italian, it became like I was their cousin... They're proud people – proud to be Italian."

Last summer, Angelo again traveled across the globe to deepen his understanding of the Bible. He and his wife, Marie, journeyed through Israel. They took a class offered through Jerusalem University College called, "Historical and Geographical Settings of the Bible." Angelo described the class as "a very intense academic experience."

"We learned way more than we thought was possible in three weeks," Angelo said. "We learned about lands, valleys, types of stones that are found in different regions, ways of irrigation, archaeology..."

Angelo's class fieldtrips included places that historically or traditionally are believed to be the location of the birth and crucifixion of Christ.

"It was fascinating to see some traditions clearly being off, while some are incredibly accurate to the Bible."

Angelo said the weather in Israel was "brutally hot." During a night spent by the Dead Sea, he played basketball outside of his hotel. Afterwards, he sweated while showering at the coldest setting possible in the hotel.

Things got even warmer while visiting the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Candles illuminated the Orthodox church. While trying to take a picture of the place where Christ's manger supposedly rested, Angelo felt a sudden surge of heat against his arm. Assuming he was standing too close to one of the candles, Angelo found another spot to take the picture from, but his arm still felt unusually warm. A quick glance at his arm told Angelo his sleeve had caught fire.

"Tourists were watching and laughing," he said.

During their journey back to the United States from Israel, Angelo and Marie stopped in London, England. The British Library was holding an exhibit on the history of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Portions of the Codex Alexandrinus and the Codex Sinaiticus, two of the most important Greek manuscripts of the Bible, were displayed.

"It gave me a much better context for the book on which my faith is based," Angelo said of his world traveling. "It has deeply enriched my understanding of the Gospels. I've now been to most of the areas that are the geographic settings for the Scripture."

And rest assured, Angelo plans on visiting the others.

Making Beauty from the Ashes

Dianne (Flint) Stitzer graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College in 1965 intending to spend her career teaching elementary students, and for several years, she did. But then God turned Dianne's vocational journey in a new direction. She began to sense God leading her into a different career – one that would involve counseling.

The decision to transition to a new career – one she had not studied for at Fort Wayne Bible College – was a direct result of a commitment she made while a student. "Fort Wayne Bible College was where Jesus put me to develop doctrinal beliefs and a place where I was sequestered to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that I wanted my life and my career choices to be used by Jesus Christ in the way of his choosing," explained Dianne.

"It was more than an education intellectually. It was a way of living, and I learned it there. I learned by the example of fellow students, staff and faculty. You can get an education anywhere, but it's learning a way of living that I have adopted for the rest of my life."

Feeling confident of the new direction God had given her, Dianne enrolled in a master's degree program in Pre Clinical Psychology with an Endorsement in School Psychology at the University of Saint Francis. While studying for her master's degree, Dianne was offered her first counseling position as a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the state of Indiana. Dianne later resigned from that

position to get married and complete an internship in school psychology. After her internship, she began doing independent testing of children at Christian schools and started working for Christian Psychiatrist Dr. Lowell Becker, who she worked with for almost 21 years.

In October 1998, Dianne began her ministry at Avalon Christian Counseling Center on the South side of Fort Wayne with Dr. Dan Boen.

"I think every job I've had I wanted God's will," said Dianne. "I didn't just take a job. It was a matter of prayer, saying 'God, where do you want me?'"

Dianne calls her husband Don a "wonderful encourager" of her ministry. He helps her with clerical work and always reminds her to "have fun" when she leaves for a meeting. Together they raised two children; both are now married.

Dianne continues to counsel at Avalon today. But not long after she began serving there, God once again redirected her vocational journey. This time it wasn't into a different career or even to another location; it was the direction of Dianne's counseling ministry with which God was concerned.

Just two months after coming to Avalon, Dr. Dan approached Dianne about starting a group for women.

"He found that counseling wasn't enough when women had been abused or abandoned, and frequently he found what they needed was to have another woman come alongside them and mentor them," explained Dianne.

Up to that point in her ministry, Dianne's experience was mostly with children, but her commitment to involve Christ in all her career decisions won out, and Dianne founded Mentoring Moms in January 1999.

It was at this point that Dianne began to apply something else she learned at Fort Wayne Bible College.

"There I developed a strong relationship with Christ and strong relationships with a few other people. There are people I have maintained relationships with for more than 40 years. That gave me the background to know the importance of female friendships," said Dianne.

The purpose of Mentoring Moms is to serve women of all ages who are in stress from past or present personal, family, work or church issues; crisis as a result of past abuse, adultery, abandonment, addictions, betrayal, divorce, trauma, bereavement or illness; or conflict resulting from mental health issues.

"We work with women who feel isolated – who attend church, but they feel they cannot disclose what they've been through in care groups because the people are not trained to handle their mental health issues," said Dianne.

Dianne's ministry has expanded through and beyond Mentoring Moms, giving her an opportunity to serve a larger group of women in the greater Fort Wayne area.

"It is my belief that even women who haven't had extreme difficulty in their lives should grow as they give, and we need to become wounded healers. We grow out of our difficulties, and one way to do it is by reaching out to others," said Dianne.

Dianne began having the women in Mentoring Moms bake cookies for women at a local shelter and assemble care packages for another ministry. As she prayed about what else they could do as an outreach project, Dianne thought about having a woman speak about her personal journey through brokenness and trials to women in the community. For the first two years, Dianne had Dr. Angela LaSalle, a Fort Wayne physician, speak for one evening. In the third year, Dianne added workshops and had Dr. LaSalle as the keynote speaker.

In early November, Mentoring Moms had its third annual Beauty Instead of Ashes Christian Women's Conference. Dr. LaSalle was back as one of three keynote speakers. There were also 14 other women speaking in workshops, each bringing her own story of past hurts that God has transformed into beauty.

"All these women have stories of ashes but they haven't stayed in the ashes, and that's what we're trying to convey. And that's exciting because that's what I'm supposed to be doing. That's what drives me – the needs of others and the Spirit of God.

The journey of Dianne's career has taken her a long way from where it started, but the commitment she made while a student at Fort Wayne Bible College has led her into a ministry that is far more fulfilling than she could have imagined.

The most significant Scripture passage to Dianne is Isaiah 61.

"That's the Scripture that drives me at this point. That's where I'm at. That's what I'm supposed to be doing right now," said Dianne.

Just as Dianne asked God to do when she was a student at Fort Wayne Bible College, God has directed Dianne's vocational journey. Dianne began her career teaching in elementary schools, but now, through her counseling ministry at Avalon, Mentoring Moms, and the Beauty Instead of Ashes Conference, God is enabling Dianne to "preach good news to the poor...to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives, and release from darkness for the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1, NIV).

BEYOND BETHANY HALL

TUFW Alumni Commit To Annual Reunions

By Julia Beange

Leaving the intimacy of close college friendships after graduation is daunting for many. After graduation, our group of friends spread to California, Arkansas, New Mexico, Illinois, Virginia, Ohio, and Alberta, Canada.

To ensure we would remain connected, refreshed, and close over the years, we committed to gathering for annual reunions. Dr. Daryl Yost shared about the reunions his late wife, Joenita, enjoyed with her college friends, and her story inspired our group to follow suit.

We held our second reunion in June 2007 at a lake house in Tennessee for three days. Some are finishing graduate school, others are having children, and some are pursuing careers outside the home. Although our lives are separated by time zones, distant states, and various seasons of life, our commitment to investing in each other's lives, celebrating achievements, and praying through circumstances remains constant.

To stay current during the year, we established an online blog, and everyone can create posts and upload photos for our "cyber community". The subtitle of our blog reads, "This is a haven of sorts-to laugh, cry, pray, offer support, and to deepen friendships with one another." Last year there were 328 updates.

Those passing by most likely would have raised their eyebrows in amusement had they encountered our group at the reunion: 11 adult women laughing till the tears rolled, recounting college experiences with flair, talking into the wee hours of morning, and simply having an incredible weekend together.

TUFW's emphasis on community shaped not only our college experience, but continues to influence our lives even now. The emphasis on Christ-centered community is not confined to Bethany Hall, but is still evidenced in phone calls from one country to another, hundreds of blog posts, and packages sent just at the right time.

Next year's reunion will be in Florida. . . stay tuned!

From Alumni Relations:
If you would like to organize a reunion for your group of college friends, we can help. The Alumni Relations office at TUFW will help you work out the details of the "who, what, where, when, why, and how" to reconnect you and your friends. Please give us a call at 260.744.8790 or e-mail us at alumni@fw.taylor.edu.

From West Africa to TUFW

How TUFW is Different from Other Christian Universities

Ruthie Krueger, a senior marketing communications major, grew up as a missionary kid in West Africa, born to Mark g78 and the late Annette (Dill) g'82 Krueger, both graduates of Fort Wayne Bible College.

Coming to TUFW was a pretty easy decision; however, it was not until after she started her journey as a student that she realized just how much TUFW had to offer and how different it was from other universities.

Prior to coming, she asked, "Is TUFW really any different than any other Christian university?"

She discovered a resounding, "Yes, it is different," she said. But there is one reason in particular that has impacted her life significantly.

"I could have attended any other Christian university, but by choosing TUFW, I am able to receive not only head knowledge, but also real-life experiences within my major," Ruthie said. "TUFW is unique in that it offers students the opportunity to put into practice what they are learning *as* they are learning it."

Applied learning is one of the three pillars of the TUFW experience, grouped with *spiritual formation* and *community leadership development.*

"Currently our team is evaluating all levels of our curriculum development and programming to assure that we are challenging our students to have a deep connection to the city, where there are plenty of opportunities for God to transform and for communities to be restored," Dr. Duane Kilty, TUFW chancellor, explained. "We want to make sure that every class incorporates each pillar of our compelling vision."

Ruthie has taken full advantage of this "complete" education, and she will graduate in May after working with multiple clients in the Fort Wayne community and beyond.

"I will be graduating with about 18 months of actual experience working with real clients," Ruthie explained. "I have helped develop speaking modules for the American Red Cross, which they presented at their national conference and are currently using throughout the region. Additionally, I also helped develop an awareness campaign emphasizing the services the local Goodwill Industries offers to the community."

Ruthie's applied learning has extended beyond Fort Wayne and the United States. She completed a practicum with a women's shelter while studying abroad for a semester in Lithuania, and last January, she and a team of TUFW students traveled to the Dominican Republic as part of a year-long project gathering information that would be used to build a promotional campaign for Makarios International.

"The experiences I am receiving now will be a tremendous advantage for me when I enter the work force and look for a job," Ruthie said. "I know people who graduated from other Christian universities who had all the head knowledge, but because of the way their program was set up, they had little to no actual experience using the skills they were learning in the classroom."

Ruthie is quick to point out her gratitude for her experiences and to those who have made her transformational education possible.

"The experiences I have been able to have working with the American Red Cross, Makarios International and Goodwill Industries are invaluable, and I will always be grateful to TUFW and those who have made it possible for me to come here."

After graduation, Ruthie is unsure where her journey will take her, but she knows she would like to work for a non-profit organization in part because of the practicum she did at the women's shelter in Lithuania.

"I realized God was calling me to work for a non-profit," Ruthie said. "He gave me a passion for non-profits, and in particular relief agencies and organizations that work with human trafficking and the abuse of women in general. That was a life changing experience because I now have a completely different perspective on my life and what I want to achieve."

was a problem: Dick had not included all the information needed to register those students for Youth Conference. Another printing would be needed; another mailing would be needed; more money and more time would be needed to correct the problem.

When the eight or 10 students on the Youth Conference Committee learned of Dick's problem, they decided that Dick should have the "rubber chicken" award. They presented that chicken to him with much fanfare. It was a big rubber chicken. It was in our archives for quite a while.

Dick was so embarrassed by the mistake he had made, he came to my office – his face crimson red – and apologized profusely. And then he said, "Please, Miss Gerig, please give me another chance. Let me be the publicity chairman again next year. I promise you, I will do an A#1 job," and he did.

A Toast to Dick Baxter

This article was originally a speech delivered by Joy Gerig during Dick Baxter's "Toast" at Homecoming & Parents' Weekend 2007, where Dick was honored for his many years of service to Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College and Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW).

Joy Gerig

What fun to toast Dick Baxter! And maybe "roast" a little. I had the privilege of being Dick's boss for 21 of my 30 years as Christian service director at Fort Wayne Bible College. Really, I seldom thought of myself as his boss. We were a team, and we enjoyed working together to get the job done.

Some may remember I served as one of the faculty advisors for Youth Conference in the 1960s and 70s. One year, an older student, Dick Baxter, was the Youth Conference publicity chairman. He sent out hundreds of brochures to high school students inviting them to youth conference. He was a very responsible student, but there

A year or so later, he became my assistant, and for 21 years we teamed together to develop a Christian Service program that came to the attention of the American Association of Bible Colleges (AABC). In the 1980s, AABC requested that Dick and I give leadership to forming an association for Christian Service personnel. Since almost all Bible colleges have Christian Service departments, the AABC decided to have an association where Christian Service leaders could exchange ideas.

What a trip we had in forming the Association for Christian Service Personnel (ACSP). Several times it meant meeting in Chicago with other Christian Service officers to get ACSP organized or for planning ACSP conferences. I remember one time we went to Chicago for a meeting. I had heard there was major road construction on U.S. 30. So I suggested we go north to I-80/90 to avoid the construction, which was probably a dumb idea. Dick was driving, I was reading the map, and we ended up in the shipyards of Gary, IN.

We had to call and let our colleagues know we'd be late. It sounds like I'm roasting myself, but I'm not. I am really toasting Dick. He just laughed and teased me, and he has many times since talked about my getting him lost in Gary.

At its peak, ACSP had more than 100 members. They were mostly men. During those years, Dick paved the way for me to give leadership in that situation. I served as vice president and president. Dick modeled his respect and his support for me as well as his cooperation with me.

I don't know how to thank Dick enough for the place he helped to create for me during those 21 years by the courteous respect he gave and will always give me. He has been a true Christian friend and brother.

I can't remember a time when Dick and I were really upset with each other. If we disagreed about anything, we discussed it and eventually came to a workable agreement.

There were struggles. Sometimes we cried and prayed together, but Dick could make work fun, and he never stopped until his job was finished.

Not only did we work in the office together, but we also attended classes together, working on our master's degrees at the University of St. Francis. I don't think I would ever have made it through my statistics class without Dick's help.

Over the past few days, while I spent time recalling those 21 years, I decided to call some of our secretaries to get their memories about Dick, including Marilyn Dissinger Steiner, Sue Strunk, Carole Lubbers Neunschwander, and Lorraine Meek Roth.

What fun to chat about Dick with those friends!

Certain comments kept recurring about Dick, like: "good-natured," "team person," "more casual – rather than formal," "always dependable," "creative planner," "steady stream of students in and out of his office," "he always had time for students, and time for us." Dick was always helping, counseling, problem solving, mentoring. And Dick has mentored hundreds of students during his time here. What a life-changing ministry Dick had with the students!

Carole remembered that at Christmas time, Dick always told all of us to take Christmas week as our vacation so that we could be with our families. Dick took the second week for his vacation. That was fine with him.

Lorraine remembered that sometimes his desk could be quite messy. I used to talk with Dick about that, every now and then.

When the Christian Service offices were on the South side of Witmer, 3rd floor, with all of its windows, the afternoon sun would bake us. Lorraine remembered that when our offices began to get too baking hot, Dick would shed his shoes and walk around in his stocking feet.

Lorraine recalled Dick's nature: "He's lots of fun. He never raised his voice in anger. He was excited to see us every morning. He's a computer genius." When computers replaced typewriters, he helped in the set-up in our office and in almost all other offices, too. And she reminded me of all the wonderful dried fruit and other goodies he would bring in.

I think Marilyn summed it up quite well. She said, "Dick was just the nicest man we could have in our office. He exemplified what we were trying to teach our students – to love and serve people as Jesus taught."

Here's to you, Dick. Thank you for the 21 years of serving with me. What a great journey! Thank you for friendship with you and your dear wife, Ruth. We're friends forever. God bless you and give you many more years serving Him wherever he leads you.

Serving While Learning...Graduate Assista

Heidi Johnston

Resident Director of Hausser Hall Women

Undergraduate Degree: Mathematics from Penn State University

Favorite Ice Cream: Vanilla

Nathan Mabie

Resident Director of Ramseyer Hall

Undergraduate Degree: Business Management form Taylor University

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Katie Rousopoulos

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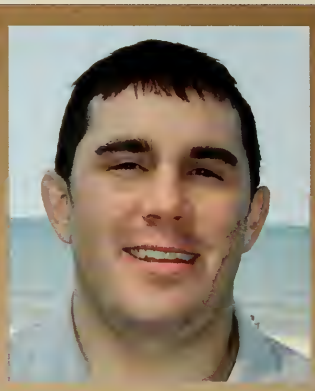

Barry Walsh

Student Activities Council (SAC) and Intramurals Advisor

Undergraduate Degree: Mass Communication/ Journalism with minors in Public Relations and Communication Arts Studies from Taylor University

Favorite Ice Cream: Cake batter with brownie bits from Coldstone Creamery

The beginning of the fall semester marked the beginning of a new journey for the student development staff at Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW). For the first time in university history, both Taylor University and TUFW welcomed graduate assistants on campus.

This semester, Taylor University launched its Master of Arts in Higher Education degree program with its first 17 students. Many of the graduate students received newly-created graduate assistantships; four of them are at TUFW. Three of the new positions are for resident directors in Hausser, Ramseyer, and Bethany halls. The fourth is an intramural and student activities director. Next year, TUFW will add a second resident director in Hausser Hall as well as a graduate assistant in the office of vocational calling.

Filling the new positions are Heidi Johnston, Nathan Mabie, Katie Rousopoulos, and Barry Walsh.

"All four of these individuals have brought great energy to our campus," said Dean of Students and AVP of Student Development Dr. Randall Dodge.

"We're excited about what they bring to our department and campus. They bring cutting-edge knowledge as they learn about student development and higher education. They study it in their classes, and then they have the immediate opportunity to apply that in their assistantships here on campus and also to share with the rest of us on staff ideas and ways our program can continue to grow. It's a win-win situation for them, for our department, and for our students."

Meet the GA's

To introduce you to TUFW's new graduate assistants, University Relations asked them several questions. Their answers give glimpses into their lives and first impressions of TUFW.

What Bible verse or scripture passage has been the most meaningful to you and why?

Johnston: "Philippians 2:1-18. Imitating Christ's humility is the best way to lead others – and yourself."

Mabie: "The book of Daniel. It's full of wonderful examples of God's character."

Rousopoulos: "Isaiah 43:1-3. I love these verses because they remind me of whose I am and that no matter what I go through, God is there with me. It's really a great reminder and source of encouragement."

Walsh: "Galatians 5:6, the latter part. It says nothing else matters other than faith expressing itself through love. It really simplifies our lives and the goals that we should have."

Who is your role model?

Johnston: "My 90-year-old grandmother is my role model because she always sees the best in a situation and the best in people. Her never-ending optimism and excitement for life truly inspire me."

Mabie: "Stephen Colbert."

Rousopoulos: "My dad, Deno Rousopoulos. He's one of my best friends, too!"

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Walsh: "Former Grant County, Indiana, Sheriff Oatess Archey. Sheriff Archey was the first African American sheriff elected in the state of Indiana, and he thought a person's faith and character were more important than their name, their profession, or their political affiliation."

What do you love most about TUFW so far?

Johnston: "I love knowing everyone's name and being on a first-name basis with them. TUFW really feels like a family to me."

Mabie: The people have been, by and far, my favorite part of living and working at TUFW.

Rousopoulos: "I love the size of the campus – you really get to know the students and the other staff members because of the close-knit community we live, serve, and learn in."

Walsh: "I like the welcoming nature of the university. I came here not knowing anyone or knowing anything about the university and everyone has welcomed me with open arms. It has truly shown me Christ's love."

Taylor University Broadcasting on Cutting Edge with Positive Radio Remedy.FM

By Char Binkley

Remedy.FM, positive webcasting for teens, launched at 11:59 p.m. on October 18.

Although today's teens no longer listen to the boom box, they spend as much as four hours a day on the computer. While they instant message, blog, and browse MySpace.com; their favorite Web station streams music through their computer speakers.

The steady diet of profanity and moral bankruptcy aimed at the young audience via the Web is a great concern for anyone who cares about teens. Remedy.FM raises the standard, providing excellence for the upcoming generation through positive music and life-enriching programs. As technology expands daily, Remedy.FM is on the cutting edge to supply relevant programming for teens.

The project grew out of a God-given passion experienced by Char Binkley, former executive director of the WBCL Radio Network, after a teen passenger in her car switched the radio to a station where Binkley heard a shocking stream of morally bankrupt lyrics. A short time later, Binkley spotted a radio van doing a roadside remote. Tuning to that station, she heard the DJ report, "I didn't give away the concert tickets because the girl who just drove in wouldn't show me her boobies." What followed was a song describing a sex act, leaving nothing to the imagination. As the liaison between the WBCL Radio Network and Remedy.FM, Binkley's year of research proved that these incidents were representative of local and national radio fare targeting young people.

Clinton Faupel, general manager of Remedy.FM, brings nearly two decades of youth work to the project. Faupel believes Remedy.FM will be unique in our nation, providing more than the typical 24/7 music streaming. Teens can participate in on-air interviews and roundtable discussions about the challenges they face. Live Web cams enable teens worldwide to view Remedy.FM broadcasts and interact with DJs through e-mail, text messaging, and blogging. Concerts, a traveling teen worship band, spiritual mentors, and a networking plan to connect youth pastors and youth organizations round out the many aspects of Remedy.FM. Local bands and national groups will have air time as well as perform in Remedy.FM sponsored concerts.

Remedy.FM has teens or teen leader DJs whose first goal is to build relationships with the teens who listen. Relating face-to-face with local teens provides the relevant programming heard across the nation and around the world. Remedy.FM is a Fort Wayne hub center geared as a prototype that other communities can duplicate.

With enthusiasm, Binkley shared, "Strong community support for the cutting edge Web station is evident as founding donors have provided $450,000 of the $600,000 start-up and first-year costs. Since March 2007, seven families and American Bible Society have contributed a total of $450,000 as Founding partners. This leaves only $150,000 yet to be raised by the end of the year. American Bible Society was first to come on board as a large founding partner, believing that "Remedy.FM is one of the most tremendous outreach partnership opportunities we could have."

Binkley said, "We believe Remedy.FM will be the most listened-to Internet station on the Web, because Remedy.FM will be what no one else has tried. We want teens to see how valuable their "one and only life" is as we help them build a moral and spiritual foundation so they can be strong leaders of tomorrow."

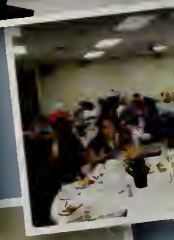
Marsha Bunker, executive director of the WBCL contemporary music Christian radio network based in Fort Wayne said, "It is time to open doors for this new initiative to give teens a safe environment in which to ask hard questions and find answers for their lives."

To find Remedy.FM, log onto www.Remedy.FM on the Web. For further information contact Char Binkley at 260.414.2930.

REMEMBERING HOMECOMING

Homecoming & Parents' Weekend 2007 was a wonderful time of fellowship, remembering and celebrating, as former, current and future students, parents and friends came together with a common purpose to "Press Toward the Goal." For more memories, visit fw.taylor.edu/homecoming.

Mark your calendars NOW for next year's Homecoming & Parents' Weekend, to be held September 26-27, 2008.



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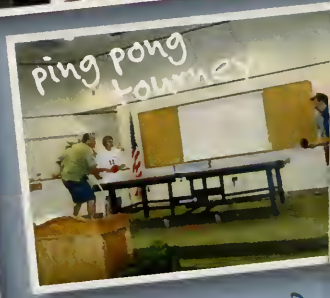
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Campus News

Schmelzer Signs Contract with Barbour Books

TUFW senior Kate Schmelzer, a double major in Professional Writing and Counseling, recently signed a contract to contribute devotional articles for two major publications from Barbour Books: *365 Daily Devotions for Busy Women* and *365 Daily Devotions for Preschool Mothers.*

Kate's byline has already appeared in many publications. She was also a member of the Teen Advisory Board for *Devo'Zine* magazine during the 2006-2007 year and a contributing writer for *Ignite Your Faith*, formerly known as *Campus Life Magazine.*

As a member of *Devo'Zine*'s Teen Advisory Board, Kate contributed to the writing of the magazine, played a role in the editing and design aspects of the magazine, and suggested possible themes for future issues. She also wrote a regular book review column titled "Page Turners" in *Ignite Your Faith.*

"Writing may be a calling, but publishing is a business," Kate said. "As a professional writer, I have been taught to write in every genre. Because of this, I can say 'yes' to nearly any writing project offered. When an editor or publisher asks if I can write something for them, I don't have to say, 'Sorry, I only do non-fiction' or 'Sorry, I only do devotions.' Instead, I can say, 'I'm a professional writer. Name your deadline.'"

When Kate discovered a description of Barbour Books' editorial needs on the publishing company's Web site, she sent the editors several samples of her writing.

Kate's persistence and professionalism impressed an editor, and she began receiving offers from other editors at the company, eventually leading to the contract for the two book projects. Kate described her reaction as "psyched."

Kate also expressed some trepidation about being asked to contribute devotions that would be aimed at preschool mothers. Since Kate has no parenting experience, she had to draw from her own childhood experiences, as well as lessons she learned in her counseling classes for her inspiration.

"I thought about the needs that mothers have," said Kate. "They can often feel tired, unappreciated and lonely... They're basically Superwoman in the flesh."

Barbour Books has not yet announced release dates for the books.

TUFW Online Transitions

Distance learning is nothing new to Taylor University Fort Wayne Online (TUFW Online). Although they have been offering online courses since 2000, correspondence courses have been available since 1938. Like TUFW, they have undergone several name changes, from Institute for Extended Learning to World Wide Campus to Center for Lifelong Learning to TUFW Online.

In addition to a new name, the online department anticipates new online degree programs. Its long-term goals include providing instructional technology support for faculty and increased collaboration between the student services departments.

One of the exciting developments coming from TUFW Online is collaborative study online (CSO) courses. Students will fulfill interactive requirements with their instructor and other classmates by using Blackboard's discussion component. Dr. Jeff Groeling, dean of online learning and instructional technology, said the office will continue to do "what we've always done – giving students the opportunity to take classes anytime, anywhere."

Vocational Calling Office Gives Students a "Broader Perspective"

Last year, Andy Davis was a resident director (RD) at TUFW. Now he's the director of vocational calling. Although the positions sound completely different, Davis sees similarities.

"As an RD, I had lots of opportunities to meet and speak into people's lives. I still do, but about more specific things now," he said.

Andy's new position is similar to the position Dick Baxter held as director of career services. While career services focused strictly on careers, vocational calling has what Davis calls "broader perspective."

"We understand that we're called to more than work as believers," Davis said. "We need to find the sum of who we are and who we've been created to be."

Davis helps students with job acquisitions, providing helpful hints for job interviews, hand-outs offering examples of résumés and cover letters, and lists of helpful Web sites.

Davis is also in charge of student leadership. In addition, he facilitates and co-instructs the "Foundations of Christian Formation" class, supervises student mentors, plans summer orientation weekends, and communicates with employers in the area and with students about employers.

"It's a big job, and there's a lot I have to balance, but there are not too many things I don't look forward to doing in this job," Davis said. "I get to talk to students about who they are and who the Lord has created them to be. That's exciting."

TUFW to Offer Healthcare Management Degree

TUFW will launch a new bachelor's degree program in Healthcare Management in the fall of 2008. The program was developed in conjunction with local healthcare professionals and was primarily designed for professionals with clinical experience who want or need additional education in management.

"It's taking people who have a clinical background and teaching them how to be managers," said Rachel Osborn, program development coordinator. "There is a shortage of good management in all types of healthcare facilities because those with medical training are not prepared for and educated in management. We are attempting to fill that educational gap."

The program contains five learning modules, allowing students to earn certificates in each of the areas. Each module lasts one semester. Students who earn all five certificates can either transfer previously earned credits from other universities or complete the general education classes at TUFW to earn the bachelor's degree.

The five certificates are: Operations Management in Healthcare, Human Resources in Healthcare, Revenue Management in Healthcare, Critical Analysis in Healthcare, and Leadership Practices in Healthcare.

Classes for the new program will be offered in a reduced residency format, meaning classes will be held one night a week, with the bulk of the learning happening in between classes online.

"This is for managers, even shift managers, especially if they want to move up into higher management. This will prepare them to take care of anything related to running a facility," said Osborn.

Faculty News

Marilyn Cain

Marilyn Cain has been appointed assistant professor of management and communication. Cain comes to TUFW after serving for nearly 10 years with Deloitte & Touche LLP in Wilton, Connecticut, most recently as senior manager.

Dr. Dennis E. Hensley

Dr. Dennis E. Hensley, professor of English, was a "Distinguished Visiting Scholar" at Moody Bible Institute in mid-November. He was scheduled to preach in two chapel services, lead a faculty in-service training session, and teach in specially combined classes.

Anita Lane

Anita Lane has been appointed instructor of education. Lane comes to TUFW from Jenks Public Schools in Jenks, Oklahoma, where she served as a third and fourth grade teacher. Lane is currently completing doctoral coursework at the University of Oklahoma.

Jerry MacGregor

Jerry "Chip" MacGregor is the new instructor of professional writing. He is a top literary agent and head of his own company and has secured more than 100 book deals in both American Book Association and Christian Book Association markets.

Dr. Steve Smith

Dr. Steve Smith, professor of justice studies, presented two lectures at the annual Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) Conference. Smith spoke on "Justice and the Prison System" and about TUFW's mentoring program, which pairs a student with the child of a prison inmate.

Volleyball Season Closes On High Note

by Scott Haddix, women's volleyball coach

TUFW's 2007 women's volleyball team completed the season with a 26 and 13 season record and a fifth place finish in the USCAA National Championship Tournament. Their record included tournament wins at The Earlham College Quaker Classic, The Lady Falcon Invitational and Great Lakes Invitational. The team beat two NCAA Division 2 teams for the first time in program history; went 5 and 1 against NCAA Division 3 programs and were 6 and 9 against NAIA programs.

This season, senior setter Cassie Warriner became the all-time leader in assists with 4,466 in her career, surpassing the record previously held by Lindsay Stipp g05.

Warriner was again named a USCAA All-American. She and junior Megan Spillman, outside hitter, both received the honor for the third time. Warriner was also named to the USCAA National Tournament All-Tournament team and to the All-Academic team for the second straight year, with a 3.87 cumulative grade point average. The Lady Falcons will graduate three more seniors this season as Warriner, Danielle Elwood (USCAA 2nd Team All-American) and Dani Partee played their final match beating St. Joseph's College of Brooklyn, NY, in the USCAA National Tournament.

The future is bright for the 2008 Lady Falcons. Spillman returns for her senior campaign and will be joined by sophomore sensation Ashley Inge and a freshman class that competed well. If the 2008 roster can add depth and talent at the setter position, the Lady Falcons will once again challenge for the USCAA National Title.

Men's Soccer Finishes First Season Under New Management

by Brent Salsbury cs

The 2007 TUFW men's soccer team had a growing year. Jeff Phillips took over as the head coach of a soccer program that won two games the previous year and returned only three players and added three upperclassmen. The remainder of the 13-member squad were freshmen or transfer students.

Returning for the Falcons were senior goalie Ben Carowan, senior defensive back Adam Zimmerman and sophomore defensive back Andrew Shupp. The senior captains provided leadership that brought the group together and the extra boost in many of the games to keep the score close. Shupp set a solid example. He always came to play, even with injuries. The team also included one female member, midfielder Lorelei Carver.

The Falcons started off the year very optimistic of what was ahead, losing their first two games by one goal each. The team was, however, able to win its first game of the season in front of the home crowd on Homecoming & Parents' Weekend 2007. The team's final record was 2-14-1.

Even through this season's struggles, the soccer program is looking positive with the leadership of Coach Phillips. TUFW is adding women's soccer as one of its intercollegiate sports next fall. Coach Phillips has already begun recruiting for next year's women's team. As for the men's program, prospective recruits are already contacting Coach Phillips.

UPDATE

Men's Basketball Gears Up for 2007-08 Season

by Bud Hamilton, athletic director & men's basketball coach

The 2007-08 TUFW men's basketball Falcons are coming off back-to-back years qualifying for the USCAA National Basketball Tournament. Where last year's team was young, this year the Falcons will go into the season with more experienced players. Returning starters include sophomore, Trel Hogue, who was our second leading scorer at 17 points per game. He also led the USCAA in foul shooting percentage (83 percent) and was third in assists (four per game). He was selected as an USCAA All-American for his efforts. John Yoder returns as another starter having played the guard position for two years. John scored 12 points per game, making him third leading scorer. In February of 2007, John was selected the USCAA Player of the Week. Jesse Boldt comes back with a four point per game average and a deadly three point shot. Rokas Niparavicious was hindered throughout the season by an injured knee and subsequent surgery. In the short time he had to play, he was the leading offensive rebounder and ranked fifth in the USCAA at four per game. Andy Overpeck became a starter in January and held down the center position for the rest of the year. Andy will be a definite force in the center this year. Adam Zimmerman, who also is a four year starter on the Falcon soccer team, will continue to give quality minutes at the guard position.

There are three newcomers to the program who will create a good opportunity to be very competitive. Tyler Morningstar, an outstanding outside shooter with very good jumping ability, was a former player for Leo High School. A.J. Gooden is a two-time All-SAC (Summit Athletic Conference) player from Harding High School in Fort Wayne. A.J. will create a strong presence inside both rebounding and a nice offensive touch around the basket. Finally, there's Ryan Woods, a transfer who played his high school basketball at powerhouse Lansing Everett. Ryan has very good quickness and possesses an outstanding outside shot both from three point range and driving to the basket.

The 2007-08 schedule is one of the toughest in school history, starting off with a tournament at the University of Saint Francis. Included in the Falcon schedule will be NAIA and NCAA III newcomers, including DePauw University, Purdue University Calumet, Trinity Christian College, Calumet College of St. Joseph and Sienna Heights.

The chemistry of this team is good, and they look forward to a great year culminating with a trip to Portland, Maine, for the USCAA National Tournament.

Lady Falcons Basketball Young but Talented

by Sean Cogan cs

Lady Falcons Basketball Coach Cleveland Inge predicts this year he'll have a "much quicker, much stronger team with a lot more talent" than in previous years.

"We've had a lot of talented individuals in the past," Inge said. "But I think overall this is the most talented team we've had in years."

Returning players this season include junior Andrea Burns, sophomore Ashley Inge, and sophomore Tayla Cheviron, the leading scorer from last season. Another returning player will be senior Lynnea Johnson, who Inge describes as "exciting to watch, getting rebounds and scoring whenever she wants to."

New players this season include freshmen Denise Lehman, Jessica Lambert, and Angelica Glaspie. Inge said Angelica is a "true point guard who knows her role, knows how to pass the ball well, sees the floor very well, and is very competitive."

Another new addition to the roster is sophomore Donna Beth "D.B." Craig, a transfer from Asbury College in Kentucky. Inge said she's "young, but very talented."

Inge described the overall team as being young. He didn't anticipate this being a problem as the season got underway, though. He guarantees spectators will see "a fast-paced, high-tempo strong defense style of basketball."

"We're going to have fun. If we're not having fun, there's something I'm not doing right," said Inge.

Coach Inge is aided by assistant coaches Jodi Inge and Christin Easterhaus. He good-humoredly said that their help reduces his job to "stand on the sidelines and make it look like I know what I'm doing."

The Lady Falcons women's basketball team's regular season began November 2 and will wrap up February 23.

Reflections on the Journey

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My transfer became official on the morning of orientation at my original college. I love being at TUFW now as a freshman. The community is amazing, and it is what I value the most so far. The opportunity to study and live with a group of like-minded believers is not one to be taken lightly, and I am glad I chose to attend TUFW."

During the summer, I had the pleasure of meeting one of our recent outstanding alums and hearing her story. She testified about how well her TUFW education prepared her for her career. In fact, she believed in TUFW so much that she was interviewing for a position on campus. She was clearly the best person for the position and was hired. Jennifer (Logue) Sprunger '06 now serves as our director of university relations. Similar stories can be told of Heather Neilson '04 or Katie Hobbs '07. All three of these women have joined our staff in recent weeks, and in each case, they were clearly the most qualified, and they love TUFW.

This encourages me!

Reason #5: Community Response. Over the past several months, I have been off campus about 50 percent of the time sharing the TUFW story. Many new people have listened to our vision and most all of them have responded the same way – they had no idea so many great things are happening on campus. They are very supportive of our integrating community engagement into the curriculum.

More and more, Joni and I are being introduced to persons who are convinced the TUFW vision will transform the lives of students. This past summer I had the privilege of being introduced in a local church to share TUFW's vision. I only spoke for three or four minutes, but God blessed my words. After the service, a young woman approached me. She was looking at another Christian university, but the finances were not working. She was so excited about the community engagement opportunity that she completed an online application that same day and was ready to go by the end of the week. She is on campus having a wonderful experience.

Many more stories could be told, but the response we are receiving from the community encourages me!

Reason #6: Admissions. Enrollment needs to grow. This year we enrolled 79 first-time freshmen. Our goal for next fall is a bold one. We seek to enroll 153 first-time freshmen. To accomplish this target, we are employing several new tactics, including all new marketing materials to communicate with prospective students. TUFW has a distinct and clear message for the marketplace.

On the first campus visitation day (CVD) of the new year, our private dining rooms were full of prospective students. We plan to enhance CVD's as the year unfolds in an effort to attract more students. A high percentage of prospective students who visit campus do enroll.

Our willingness to establish a bold goal and implement new strategies and tactics to achieve the new target encourages me!

Reason #7: Prayer. We are using Micah 6:8 to guide us as we chase after God's vision. One way to walk humbly with God is through prayer. On September 19th I challenged the campus and TUFW family to ongoing intentional and focused prayer for the vision and future of the campus. I chose II Chronicles 7:14 for the message: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

I desire for the TUFW family to be a praying people. We are a people who are called by His name. My hope and prayer is that we will humble ourselves before Him.

Several prayer cells are currently meeting together and others are being formed. During Homecoming and Parents' Weekend activities, I had the privilege of having lunch with the Class of 1957. During our time together, I shared about my desire for the TUFW family to be a praying people. I invoked my right as Chancellor to give alums homework and commissioned the Class of 1957 to be a prayer cell. My hope is that each of you will pray in an ongoing manner for the vision and future of TUFW.

Knowing God's people are praying for His vision to become reality encourages me!

Conclusion: Another passage of Scripture that encourages me these days is I Chronicles 28:20. In this chapter, David is preparing Solomon to be King. In verse 20 David tells Solomon to, "be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you." Earlier in verse 9 of the same chapter, David tells Solomon to "acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you…" God is first concerned about our character and the condition of our heart before we are to do the work.

The next days, weeks and months of the journey at TUFW are ones in which we need to be strong and courageous and do the work. Our vision is clear, and our business plan is complete. My leadership team is in place. Now is the time to be strong and courageous and do the work God has called us to do.

God is at work at TUFW, and I am encouraged.

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1940s

Charles fs47 and Pauline (McMichael) Joder fs47 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 27. They have five children, 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Charles retired from Dana Corp. after 38 years of service.

Delmar g48 and Dorothy (Markham) Stalter g46 observed their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married June 6, 1947. Delmar is retired from Mutual Security and is a retired minister with the Nazarene church. They have three daughters and a son; 13 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

1950s

David Bicker g58 served as faculty moderator 1996-2000 and founding chair of the department of communication studies at Azusa Pacific University. He retired professor emeritus in May 2006. His wife, **Esther (Hofstetter) g58** retired earlier after 34 years of elementary public school teaching. They are actively teaching and preaching at the United Methodist Church in Blue Ridge, GA. David teaches one course a year at the Toccoa Falls College Epworth Campus. The Bickers will celebrate 50 years of marriage August 2008.

John g59 and Margaret g60 (Richards) Wommer are semi-retired and live in Phoenix, AZ. They spent 47 years pastoring churches in California, Arizona, Washington and Ohio. John's e-mail is parsonjohn7@aol.com and Margaret's e-mail is marjon116952@msn.com.

1960s

Robert g60 and Margaret (Owen) Liechty g60 were married on June 22, 1957. We congratulate them as they celebrate 50 years of marriage. Their e-mail is bpliechty@yahoo.com.

Myron g66 and Betty Harrison g65 are in Mongolia training Joint Christian Services leaders and pastors for church-planting and integrating their development projects with church ministries. Their e-mails are harrisonmyrons@omf.net and harrisonbetty@omf.net.

Phil g67 and Jan (Schumacher) Logan g68 praise the Lord that the shipment of Kuranko Bibles have arrived in Sierra Leone. The dedication is scheduled for mid-January.

Arden and **Helen (McIntosh) Steele g69** are missionaries with SIM in Bolivia. Their e-mail is arden.steele@sim.org.

1970s

Rick Haberkamp g72 and his wife, Monica, returned on June 25 to Chad, Africa, from home assignment in the U.S. Their e-mail is haberk5@gmail.com.

David Smith fs73 announces the birth of his grandson, Landon, born January 12. David lives in Canton, NC, and his e-mail is wehaulit@bellsouth.net.

Ralph Schaefer fs76 is a Technical Specialist III at National City Bank in Cleveland, OH. He and his wife, Robin have five children: Adam, Jonathan, Dina, Katherine and Hannah. His e-mail is ralph_schaefer@saintly.com.

Rick Alvis g77, president/CEO of Wheeler Mission Ministries in Indianapolis, was re-elected President of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM) at the group's annual convention in May. The AGRM represents more than 300 rescue missions in North America. Rick's e-mail is rickalvis@wmm.org.

Leora "Paulette" (Smith) Foley g77 is a social studies teacher at North Sound Christian High School in Mountlake Terrace, WA. Her e-mail is paulettefoley3@aol.com.

Jeannie (Gerig) Johnson g78 and her husband, **Tim TUUg81**, were on home assignment from Japan for the summer. Their e-mail is timandjeannie@gmail.com.

Mark g78 and Dee **Krueger** are on home assignment from Guinea for six months. Last Fall, they set up a computer center to teach typing and computer skills. Dee taught English classes. Also, they started a radio station in the capital. When they return to Guinea in January 2008, they plan to work on a mobile medical initiative. Their daughters, Ruth and Rebekah, attend TUFW and are a big help in the Alumni Relations office. Mark's and Dee's e-mail is timbifolks@speedymail.org.

ALUMNI AWARD

Distinguished Young Alumnus(a) for Professional Achievement

The 2007 recipient of the Distinguished Young Alumnus(a) for Professional Achievement is Rev. Andy Booth.

Andy graduated from Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) in 2002 with his degree in Music and Christian Ministries. He is a ministry coach at Heartland Church in Fort Wayne and continues to impact the global church through speaking and performing at a number of conferences in the U.S. and Europe.

He married Trisha Delagrange in August 1999. They have two boys, Jacob and Elijah, and one daughter, Rhianna, who was born October 24.

Barry g78 and Andrea (Sprunger) McCune g74 moved to Monroeville, IN, where Barry is pastoring at East Liberty United Methodist Church. Their e-mail is bearnandi@earthlink.net.

Deborah Nayrocker fs79 is the author of *Living a Balanced Financial Life*, an interactive Bible study blending biblical principles with contemporary issues. Her website is www.artofdebt-freeliving.com and her e-mail is dnayrocker@maplenet.net.

1980s

Ellwood "Skip" Kite g80 continues "Eternal Impact," a ministry of Fellowship International Mission. His summer was packed with VBS, children's rallies, teacher training meetings and speaking engagements. Skip's e-mail is skipkite@msn.com.

Jean Baumbach fs81 serves as Bible translator in Niger Republic. Pray for the consultant check of Titus, II Thessalonians and Jude. Praise the Lord for progress in translating Matthew. Jean also continues to keep busy with teaching Kids Club with various ages and language dialects. Her e-mail is jean.baumbach@sim.org.

In April, *The Journal Gazette* named **Steve Davis g81** to their "Teacher Honor Roll." He teaches third grade at Deer Ridge Elementary, Southwest Allen County Schools in Fort Wayne, IN. His e-mail is sdavis@sacs.k12.in.us.

John g81 and Julie **Gerig** serve as missionaries with World Partners in Russia. John teaches at St. Petersburg Christian University and has developed the Youth for Christ ministry in Moscow and St. Petersburg. Julie is assistant director at the International Academy, a Christian school. John's e-mail is jgerig@ocms.ac.uk and Julie's e-mail is workforjulie@aol.com.

Don g81 and Rachel (Weber) Kramer g79 returned to Taiwan from home assignment in the summer. They are a field director couple working with administration, project coordination and language supervision. Their e-mail is donrachtaiwan@yahoo.com.

Mary (Pearman) Eck's fs82 husband, Rodney, entered eternity on April 4. Her address is 94 Poplar Way, Yoder, IN 46798.

Stephen g82 and Tina (Priest) Roussos g83 celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Stephanie, is a resident counselor in a girl's group home run by Advent Group Ministries in California. Their son, Nathan, is a sophomore at a community college in Omaha. Stephen has pastored Freeman Missionary Church in South Dakota since 1991. Stephen's e-mail is sroussos@gwtc.net.

Don g85 and Marla (Murray) Bettinger g84 returned to Taiwan in August. They serve in a Taipei church with the children's program, Bible studies and teaching English. Their e-mail is dbettinger@omsinternational.org.

Mark and **Diane (Ridley) Karrick g85** were married on July 2. Diane is the instructional technology resource teacher for Charles County Public Schools in LaPlata, MD. Her address and e-mail are 17066 Village, King George, VA 22485; vatechteach@yahoo.com.

Dave g87 and Dorcas (Ringenberg) McDeavitt g76 attended a month-long workshop, Keystone Project. As a result, they pray for greater insight and effectiveness. Their e-mail is dmcdeavitt@pactec.net.

Jeff g88 and Cindy (Norwood) Lawson g88 reside in Boone, IA, where Jeff pastors the Cornerstone Alliance Church. After surgery in September 2006 and chemotherapy and radiation treatments, they praise the Lord that the doctors believe Cindy is cancer free! Their e-mail is pastorjl@mchsi.com.

Robert Lucas g88 is a partner/remodeler with Lucas & Son in NY. He and his wife, Sherrie, lost their third daughter and unborn granddaughter in a car accident in 2004. On March 11, 2008, they will be married 30 years. Their e-mail is ral592000@yahoo.com.

Mike and **Sherri (Harris) Ritter g88** have served as missionaries in Ethiopia since March 2006. They have three children: Jon (15), Jessica (13) and Ben (10). Their e-mail is mike18andsherri@hotmail.com.

Graham g88 and Lori (Fazio) West fs86 are excited about the plans and potential of using sports ministry throughout Asia. They will move in the summer of 2008. Their e-mail is westtalk@juno.com.

ALUMNI AWARD

Distinguished Alumnus or Alumna for Service to Taylor University Fort Wayne

The distinguished alumnus or alumna for service to TUFW is awarded to an alumnus or alumna who has contributed significantly through personal service to the advancement of TUFW.

This year's recipients are Larry '67 and Naomi (Buckels) '68 Heidelberg.

Larry has served on the Alumni Council, where he initiated several ideas to reconnect alumni. During those years of service, he and Naomi have invited students over for dinner and supplied some of the best item baskets for the silent auction, which benefits the student emergency fund.

1990s

Matthew Gerber g92 is president of Enhanced Network Solutions Group based in Fort Wayne, IN. Because of the company's expansion, he and his wife, Amber, are relocating to Charlotte, NC. Their e-mail is amber.matt.gerber@att.net.

Gary Martens g92 is a counselor at Wabash Friends Counseling Center and at Indiana Wesleyan University. His e-mail is garymartens@sbcglobal.net.

Correction from Fall/Winter 2006 Alumnus: **Sarita Rubrake's g92** e-mail is srrubrake@fw.taylor.edu.

Richard Troyer g92 conducts chapel services and hosts a hospitality area at TraXide Outreach, Inc., a ministry to motorsports racing. His wife, **Maggie g92** has passed the eight-year mark since she was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. They praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy. Their e-mail is rtroyer@aol.com.

On May 25, Matt and **Laura (Olson) Rhoades g93** adopted Selah Ann, born on April 19. Their e-mail is rhoades@shaklee.net.

Clark Woods g93 attended the September session of Notre Dame University's Executive Integral Leadership program. He has been promoted to vice president in the Global Treasury Division of J.P. Morgan Chase. His e-mail is clark.woods@gmail.com or clark.k.woods@jpmchase.com

Marc Curless TUUg94 (Schultz RD '98-'00) and his wife, Melanie, completed four years of serving in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. They now live in Cairo where Marc is a high school guidance counselor and Melanie is a nurse. Their e-mail is mmcurli@gmail.com.

Mark g97 and Tonya (Strubhar) Hammond TUUg00 (and marketing design coordinator for TUFW) welcome to their home Christian David, born September 30. Their e-mail is ezwearz@yahoo.com.

Dick Carpenter g98 is associate pastor at Faith Missionary Church in Fort Wayne, IN. His e-mail is dickdawg@bnin.net.

Mark and **Alison (Coats) Caruso g98** were married on June 16. They live in Bonita Springs, FL, and Alison is employed at Lowe's, Estero, FL.

Kent g98 and Angie (Schumacher) Morton g99, with Emily (4) and Grace (2), announce the arrival of Ethan Benjamin, born April 4. Kent's e-mail is knmorton@fw.taylor.edu.

Stephen and **Kristyn (Dunnaback) Sparks fs98**, with Kimberly (6) and Lindsay (4), welcome to their family, Kara Michelle, born September 1. Their e-mail is kristyn_sparks@yahoo.com.

Alexey and **Kassie (Dittmer) Gusarenko g99** were married on June 30. Their address and e-mail are 303 W. New Castle St., Butler, PA 16001; duquesnelexis@hotmail.com.

Ryan Smith g99 accepted a position as assistant maintenance director at Lakeview Camp and Conference Center in Waxahachie, TX. He and his wife, Rebecca, have a son, Ryan Lee, Jr., born October 2, 2004. Their e-mail is rybeksmith@yahoo.com.

2000s

Dawn (Renkenberger) Crandall g00 is an assistant teacher at The Goddard School in Fishers, IN. Her e-mail is crandallberries@gmail.com.

Rick g00 and Niki **Henderson** announce the birth of Jaida Rayne, born June 1. She joins sisters Carrissa (10) and Ailsa (3).

In August, **Sarah Ann King g00** returned from serving with Gulf Coast Mission in Biloxi, MS. In October, she will be with YWAM in Richmond, VA. Her e-mail is sakkie77@juno.com.

Cliff Pappe g00, with his wife and children, Jalen (5) and Taryn (4), welcome to their family, Gracyn Brianne, born May 1. Their e-mail is range_4@yahoo.com.

Steve g00 and Mandy (Wilson) West g00, with Elizabeth (2), welcome to their home, Lily Grace, born July 3, 2006. Steve works as an investigator for Fulton County Department of Child Services. They praise the Lord for Mandy's successful treatment for thyroid cancer. Their e-mail is steveandmandywest@gmail.com.

ALUMNI AWARD

Distinguished Friends

TUFW Distinguished Friends Award is given to friends who have contributed significantly through personal service and stewardship to the advancement of TUFW.

The 2007 recipients, Max and Mabel Poorman, deserve appreciation and celebration for their long-time friendship, commitment and care for the faculty, staff, and students of Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College and TUFW.

Max and Mabel have a keen interest in the mission and vision of TUFW and have faithfully been involved in the campus' Community Council. In 2003, they established an Endowed Scholarship Fund at TUFW to cement their commitment to see men and women receive quality Christ-centered education.

Todd g01 and Trisha (Rine) Bowman g03 reside in Iron Station, NC, where Todd is a Nationwide Insurance agent overseeing the office in Lincolnton, NC. Trisha works for AmCOMP in Charlotte, NC, as an executive assistant/office manager. Trisha's e-mail is tbowman@amcomp.com.

On April 1, 2006, **Marc Kelley g01** graduated with a master's degree in ministry from Indiana Wesleyan University and was ordained in the Wesleyan Church. His wife, Christine, gave birth to Evelyn Christine on August 31, 2006. Their e-mail is marcsbox@hotmail.com.

Kelley Sewell g01 accepted a position as youth pastor at Grabill Missionary Church at the end of August. His e-mail is ksewell@grabillmissionary.org.

Chris Shank g01 is youth director at St. Lucas United Church of Christ in Fenton, MO, and his wife, **Jennifer (Williams) g01**, is office manager at Fritz Landscaping. Chris's e-mail is chrisshank79@hotmail.com and Jennifer's e-mail is scrapjen@hotmail.com.

Justin Spurlock g01 had a second article, "If These Walls Could Talk," published in the online *Journal of Student Ministries* for July/August. His e-mail is justinsmail@mail.com.

Nate g01 and Carlo (Pastuszka) Zechar g01 announce the birth of Vienna Grace on June 2. Nate's e-mail is z_man007@hotmail.com.

Tyree and **Yewubdar (Manmektot) Barfield g02** and Victoria (2) welcome to their family Naomi, born December 21, 2006. Their address is 537 W. Essex Lane, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Jill (Probst) Bauer g02 graduated from Seattle Pacific University with an MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. She is teaching English to immigrants and refugees at North Seattle Community College. Her e-mail is jill.e.bauer@gmail.com.

Andy g02 and Trisha **Booth**, with Jacob (4) and Elijah (2), welcome to their family Rhianna Joy, born October 24. Andy's e-mail is andy@hccfw.com.

Anthony g02 and Irene **Chapman** announce the birth of Zebulun Mark, born September 17. Their e-mail is Anthony@resonations.org.

Brandon g03 and Nicole (Lemberg) Hall fs05 purchased their first home. Their address is 2505 Baronet Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. Their e-mail is daringdingo@gmail.com.

Jennifer Hebert g02 is a kindergarten teacher with Fort Wayne Community Schools. Her e-mail is jennyjo0320@yahoo.com.

Daniel "Bo" Holden g02 and Ashley Weimer were married on September 4, 2005. TUFW participants were **Marc Murnane g04** and **Nick Miller g06**. They reside in Virginia Beach and attend Regent University. Bo is in the law program and Ashley is in communications. Bo's e-mail is danihol@regent.edu.

Ashley King g02 works at Plymouth Tube Co. in Winamac, IN, as account coordinator. Her e-mail is yelhsa5280@msn.com.

Jose g02 and Rachel **Sanchez** welcome to their home, Adriana, born January 6. Their e-mail is jsan02@yahoo.com.

David and **Amy (Gearhart) Wildermuth g02** announce the birth of Nathaniel Quincy on April 20. Amy teaches at North Miami Community Schools in Denver, IN, and David teaches at Heartland Career Center in Wabash, IN. Their e-mail is davenamy@rtcol.com.

Joshua and **Amy (Boyer) Pagan fs03** were wed in the Dominican Republic on August 8, 2006. She finished a BS in general studies/pre-med at IPFW and is applying to medical schools. Her husband is completing his vicarage and will finish his final year of seminary at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. Amy's e-mail is aboyer83@hotmail.com.

Brooke Wilson g03 served in Belize with the Cornelius Foundation for two weeks in September. She will return to Belize for six months from December to June. Her team will be teaching English to both children and adults, eventually constructing stories to show how God works in their lives. Brooke's e-mail is brkwilson@yahoo.com.

Steven and Megan (Wood) Bell '04 were married October 20. TUFW participants were **Jennifer (Williams) Shank '01** and **Evie Tubbs '01**. Contact the Bells at 9710 Fritz Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818.

Heather Neilson g04 is online learning coordinator at TUFW. Her e-mail is htneilson@fw.taylor.edu.

Adam Sherwood g04 married Lindy F.J. Kimball on August 12, 2006. His e-mail is avsherwood1@yahoo.com.

Pati Bartholme g05 is youth pastor at Waterloo United Methodist Church in Indiana. Her e-mail is mbear52@hotmail.com.

ALUMNI AWARD

Honorary Alumnus

Lee Oliver has been awarded honorary alumnus status at TUFW. Lee has been a faithful friend of many students at both TUFW and Taylor University. Lee has traveled to Ecuador on multiple mission projects with Taylor World Outreach. Since then, he has started volunteering on Fridays, where he always has a warm smile and listening ear for students' joys and concerns. Above all, he has modeled the importance of praying without ceasing.

In May, **Julia Beange g05** completed her master's degree in Communication Studies from the University of Calgary. In July, she began work at the Geophysical Service, Inc., in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, as their public relations representative. Her e-mail is j_beange@yahoo.com.

Jeremiah g05 and Cynthia (Lee) Brown g06 were married on May 12. Jeremiah serves at Coastal Community Church as pastor of student ministries and Cyndi works at Strayer University in Charleston, SC.

In July, **Eileen Clayton g05** returned from two years of teaching at the Nate Saint School in Shell, Ecuador. She is in a graduate program in outdoor education through the University of Washington. Her e-mail is eileenmarieclayton@yahoo.com.

Matt g05 and Melinda (Cluxton) Hart g05 moved to New Haven, IN, where Matt serves as youth pastor at New Haven United Methodist Church. Their e-mail is mmhart05@verizon.net.

Myric McBain g05 has been accepted to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, to begin work on a Master of Divinity degree. His e-mail is plaidcanuck@aol.com.

Jason and **April (Gridley) Ruggles g05** were married on October 20 in Fort Wayne, IN. TUFW participants were **Laura Buck g05** and **Nicolette Solak g05**. April's e-mail is aprildawn225@yahoo.com.

Jeremy and **Michelle (Cooper) White g05** were married on June 30. Michelle is a teacher for Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Dan Wilton g05 and Amanda Wolfe were married on August 26. TUFW participants were **Ben Gilliom g02, Nathan Hamlin g04** and **David Wilton fs04**. Dan's e-mail is dan.wilton@gmail.com.

Josh fs05 and Laureen (Mutzer) Wulpi g04 are called to be missionaries in France. They will attend two years of language school, build relationships and help with the ministry of the church in France. Their long term goal is to be church planters. Josh's e-mail is joshwulpi@yahoo.com and Laureen's e-mail is llmsmiles@yahoo.com.

Brian Kuhrt g06 works as field staff for Life Bridge, Inc., a mentoring organization in New Hampshire. His e-mail is jtr02@aol.com.

Keith Osmun g06 is feature writer for *The Door*, the bi-monthly magazine of the Church of the Open Door in Elyria, OH. His wife **Andrea (Matetic) g05** is news coordinator and feature writer for *The Press*, a weekly newspaper in the Avon Lake, OH, area. Keith's e-mail is keith_osmun@yahoo.com and Andrea's e-mail is andrea_osmun@yahoo.com.

Jared Pomeroy g06 is serving in Iraq. His wife, **Elizabeth (VandenAvond) g07** is substitute teaching. Her e-mail is elizabethmarie88@yahoo.com.

Rachel Purdy g06 is a correctional officer at the New Castle Correctional Facility in New Castle, IN. Her e-mail is rachel1339_2000@yahoo.com.

Aaron Reidenbach g06 is coordinator of transitional and independent living services at Crossroads Fort Wayne Children's Home. His e-mail is ridin_onaball@hotmail.com.

Joshua and **Susan (Schunk) Schlemmer g06** were married May 19. Susan is a substitute teacher for East Allen County Schools.

Alison Shepherd g06 is in Peoria, IL, serving as youth director at Mount Olive Missionary Church.

Jennifer Spurlock g06 is government and community affairs coordinator at the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Her e-mail is jspurlock@fwchamber.org.

Sharyn Thomas g06 is working in Colorado Springs, CO, for Big Brothers Big Sisters Pikes Peak as a program specialist. Her e-mail is sharynmichelle@gmail.com.

Abby Amstutz g07 is a music teacher for the Fort Wayne South Bend Archdiocese. Her e-mail is abbymaea@yahoo.com.

Justin and **Megan (Whitacre) Barker g07** were married on August 4.

Jason g07 and Courtney (Stoppenhagen) Bilbrey g07 were married on July 7. TUFW participants were **Mandy Dittmer cs, Brianna Elliott cs, Marie Mante cs, Randi Yoder cs, Ryan Koch cs, Angelo Mante cs, Rick Schwartz g07, Matt Mills cs** and **Matt Larson TUUg07**. Courtney's e-mail is courtneybilbrey@gmail.com.

ALUMNI AWARD

Distinguished Alumnus(a) for Personal Achievement

Matt Hartsell is the 2007 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus(a) Award for Personal Achievement award, which recognizes an alumnus or alumna who has achieved outstanding personal accomplishment.

Matt began Forgotten Children International, formerly God Will Make a Way Ministries, as a means to provide clothing for orphans. It has grown into a world-wide ministry to orphans, including housing grants for pastors in India who are building homes that will shelter and love those who are both fatherless and motherless.

Matt and his wife Barb (Holtzclaw '80) have five children: Tricia, Joshua, Joel, Tiffani (adopted orphan from China) and Allyson (adopted orphan from Russia).

Darlene Divine g07 is serving at the American Red Cross as a communications specialist. Her e-mail is drlenedivine07@gmail.com.

Stephanie Gates g07 is the grants and information manager at the Salvation Army in Roseville, MN. Stephanie's e-mail is Stephanie@boldpathlife.com.

Christina Grogg g07 teaches a preschool class at the Anthis Career Center and mentors high school students. She is also working on an interdisciplinary degree. Her e-mail is misschriss2508@yahoo.com.

Joe Graves g07 serves as youth pastor for Trinity United Methodist Church in Defiance, OH. His e-mail is bezalelmedia@gmail.com.

Katy (Jessup) Hobbs g07 is online learning coordinator at TUFW. Her e-mail is kthobbs@fw.taylor.edu.

David g07 and Kathryn (Johnson) Lawson g07 were married on June 16. TUFW participants were **Lynnea Johnson cs, Tina Meng g07, Jamie (Knuth) Schwartz cs, Michela Smith g07, Rachel VanAlstine cs, Paul Deeds g07, Tim Groman g06** and **Rick Schwartz g07**. David's e-mail is davidlawson@gmail.com and Kathryn's e-mail is kathrynjohnson@gmail.com.

Dusty g07 and April (Selander) Mack g07 were married May 26. TUFW participants were **Ruth Kaufman cs, Michele Line cs, Jason Lange g07** and **Jared Gutierrez g07**. Dusty's e-mail is dust2dust85@gmail.com and April's e-mail is apr.mack@gmail.com.

Tina Meng g07 is a first grade teacher at Freedom Elementary school in Buckeye, AZ. Her e-mail is ctmeng3185@gmail.com.

Richard Schwartz g07 married **Jamie Knuth cs** on June 1. Participants were **Cody Cramer TUUg07, Jared Gutierrez g07, Ryan Koch g07, Dave Lawson g07, Michael Sprunger g07, Kathryn Johnson g07, Michela Smith g07** and **Rachel VanAlstine cs**. Their e-mail is richardantonschwartz@gmail.com. Rick is associate pastor at Berne Evangelical Mennonite Church.

Michael g07 and Jennifer (Logue) Sprunger g06 were married on September 2. TUFW participants were **Angie Chaney cs, Andrew Cook cs, Evan Hughes cs, Nathan Logue cs, Asira Nazarova g07, Brande Peterson g06, Rick Schwartz g07, Jennifer Spurlock g06, Dr. David Biberstein g66/faculty, Michael Mortensen TUUg91/director of development and planned giving for TUFW, Deb Shaw g80/staff, Rev. Gareth Wiederkehr g52** and **Rev. David Binkley g81** who performed the ceremony. Jennifer is director of university relations at TUFW.

Current Students

Matthew Verhoff cs married **Cassie (Olinghouse) g07** on June 23. TUFW participants were **Ashley Olinghouse cs** and **Kelsey Crook cs.** Cassie's e-mail is cassieverhoff@yahoo.com.

Honorary Alumni

Ted and Rose Ann Nickel, who received honorary alumnus degrees in May 1995, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married August 1, 1947. Ted served as professor at Fort Wayne Bible College for 24 years and Rose Ann served as librarian for 33. They have a daughter, two sons and five grandchildren.

In Memory

Randall Rice g35 was received in heaven on May 30. In his 43-year ministry, he pastored seven churches in Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio, Illinois and Colorado. He retired in 1978 from Calvary Missionary Church in Wichita, KS. After retirement, he spent 25 years as a part-time tax preparer with H&R Block. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Mildred, a son, three daughters, a sister, a brother, 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Donald Kelly g43 went to live with Jesus on June 27. He served as pastor for Missionary churches in Ohio, California and Indiana. He also served as a missionary in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and hospital chaplain in California. His wife, **Ruth (Dilgart) fs43** and a son, Patrick, survive. Ruth's address is 806 Bright Rd., Apt. 803, Findley, OH 45840.

Dorothy (Williams) Eubank's fs44 husband, Richard, departed to his heavenly home on June 14. Dorothy, their two daughters, a son, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive. Her address is 7515 Winchester Road, Apt. 304, Fort Wayne, IN 46819.

Lavera (Amstutz) Ross fs44 was received into heaven on September 19, 2007. She was the beloved wife of **Robert Ross g45**. His e-mail is lrross85@comcast.net.

Art Reifel g45, retired World Partners staff member, entered his glorious heavenly home on August 30. He married **Gladys (Chapman) g45** June 2, 1945, and they served as career missionaries in Nigeria, West Africa. Their four children were born there. Art retired from missionary service in 1987 and served as visitation pastor at Bethany Missionary Church in Elkhart, IN until two weeks before his home-going. His wife, two sons, two daughters, 12 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren survive him. Gladys's e-mail is habiba45@aol.com.

Barney Snowdon fs47 went to his heavenly home on June 20. He served for 59 years as a minister for churches in West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and California. He retired from the Christian and Missionary Alliance in August 1998. He continued serving in other churches and was a volunteer chaplain at United Hospital Center in Clarksburg, WV, since 1985. He is survived by his wife of 58½ years, Julie, a son, two daughters, a sister, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

On August 24, 2006, **Harry McElhone g48, TUUg50** was granted his deep desire to join his wife, **Della Marie (Quay) g48** in glory. She preceded him on January 18, 2001.

Wesley Barker fs50 entered heaven on May 18. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, **Eleanor (Clapp) fs52**, two daughters, three grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren, two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Fenton Hall g51 left for heaven on February 12. His wife **Anna (Hilbert) g49** followed him on March 24. They met at Fort Wayne Bible College. Fenton worked at the Newport Shipping Company in Virginia, while Anna worked in civil service for the Federal Army. They were both active in church, teaching Bible studies and Sunday school.

Don Nabinger g51 was received in his heavenly home on June 8. He and his wife, **Rose (Dix) fs50**, had been missionaries in Alaska for Source of Light Ministries International. Rose's address is 4690 N. Wolverine Dr., Palmer, AK 99645.

Jerry Peaster fs56 went to be with the Lord on May 11. He pastored churches in Kansas, Ohio and Indiana and was then executive director of Carriage Town Ministries for 21 years, retiring in 2000. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, a son, two daughters, ten grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two brothers and three sisters.

Jon Alexander g68 entered eternity on April 7. He was a minister at Hicksville Missionary Church in Ohio in his early career. For more than 25 years, he was a general contractor in the residential construction industry. He is survived by wife, Sue, and two sons.

Katy Broecker g04 passed away in her sleep on Saturday, October 27, 2007. Katie was a four-year starter on the Lady Falcons basketball team and graduated with a degree in public relations. At the time of her death, Katie was ministering at Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Robert Weyeneth was received into heaven on August 24. During World War II, he served in Africa, Italy and France. While at Fort Wayne Bible College, he was instrumental in raising funds for the administration building, as well as getting WBCL on the air. He also served with HCJB World Radio in Ecuador and the United States. Robert's wife, Irene, a son, a daughter and five grandchildren survive him. Irene's address is 702 Pasadena Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Dr. Robert Christian Strubhar entered heaven on August 19, 2007 following a brief illness. He was 92 years of age. Dr. Strubhar was a graduate of Fort Wayne Bible Institute. After receiving a bachelor's degree from Westmont College and a master's degree from Wheaton Graduate School of Theology, he returned to Fort Wayne Bible College where he became the Department Chairman and Professor of Pastoral Theology and served for 16 years. During that time, he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He pastored churches for more than 70 years, serving congregations in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Colorado, California, and Arizona. During that time, he also served as the District Superintendent of the Midwestern District of the Missionary Church, Inc. When he retired, he moved to Glendale, Arizona, where he pastored the Glencroft Community Church. In his mid 80's he published his first book, *Becoming Bible Friendly*. He mentored many young pastors and invested his life in his family. He was preceded in death by his dear wife, Verna.

Art and Gloria Muselman were received in heaven on August 31, 2007, following an automobile accident. Art served Taylor University as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1987-2005 and was named an emeritus member of the board in 2005. The Muselmans were past members of the Taylor Parents' Cabinet and were named Distinguished Parents in 1987 by university officials. Mr. and Mrs. Muselman were also members of Taylor's Council of 100, a society that honors the university's most generous financial partners. The couple's daughter, Karen Thomas, their son, Roger, and his wife, Naomi, are Taylor University graduates. Art attended Taylor University and graduated from Indiana University in 1952 with a degree in business. Gloria received the Distinguished Friend Award from Taylor University in 1998 for extensive work for Taylor and the community of Berne, IN.

Donna (Lutton) Eicher, 90, of Fort Wayne, went to be with her Lord Friday, April 6, 2007. Donna joined the staff of Fort Wayne Bible College in 1957 and served in several positions, including secretary, dean of women, and director of correspondence studies, retiring from the latter position in 1982. On May 25, 1996, she married the Reverend Cyril H. Eicher, with whom she worked very closely during her tenure at the Bible College.

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